

NASPNCLA INSTRUCTION 10570.2

Subj: ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL

Ref: (a) PWCENINST 11101.13  
(b) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9, Part 3

Encl: (1) Required Immunization of Animals

1. Purpose. To establish procedures for the control and prevention of diseases of animals, which may be transmitted to humans (zoonotic diseases), and establish policies and procedures for the control, registration, identification, immunization, and disposition of all animals on board NAS Pensacola. Forms required by this regulation are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974.

2. Cancellation. NASPNCLAINST 10570.1R

3. Background

a. To eliminate the threat of rabies and other zoonotic diseases, strong regulations are required to control free-running animals and the number of pets permitted in government housing and on board NAS Pensacola.

b. Keeping pets on board NAS Pensacola and in government housing areas is a conditional privilege extended by the Commanding Officer to those who exhibit responsible behavior in controlling their pets. Persons who fail to abide by the requirements imposed by this regulation are subject to loss of pet privileges, disciplinary action, and/or removal from government quarters.

4. Information

a. Pet Registration

(1) Registration is required within 3 working days after a pet owner is assigned quarters or acquires a new pet. Registration approval may be gained by providing evidence to NAS Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 626A, that a pet has current immunizations (enclosure (1)), a negative occult heartworm test, currently on heartworm preventative (for dogs only), and effective internal and external parasite control. Even though newly born puppies and kittens are not vaccinated until reaching the age of 3 months, owners will apply for registration at the time such pets are born or acquired. A copy of the pet's medical records will serve in lieu of an identification tag. An identification tag will be issued upon presentation of a vaccination certificate and shall be worn by the pet at all times.

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(2) Registration shall be for 1 year from the date of the current rabies vaccination certificate. Owners of pets who are found with expired registration will be granted 24 hours to complete registration requirements.

Failure to meet this requirement will result in Housing issuing a letter ordering the resident to remove the animal from NAS Pensacola.

(3) Personnel living off base who register their pets with the city or county must register their pets with the NAS Veterinary Treatment Facility once they move into government quarters.

(4) Authorized sponsors of pet shows, rodeos, or other activities will notify the veterinarian at least 30 days prior to the event, and provide an estimate of the number and types of animals participating in the event. All equines require a negative Coggins.

b. Restrictions

(1) Because of the size of government quarters and the density of government housing areas, each household shall be restricted to a maximum of:

(a) Two domestic pets (dogs or cats) in NAS Pensacola and Corry Family Housing.

(b) One domestic pet (dog or cat) in Lexington Terrace Family Housing, Mariner Village, and NAS Pensacola Trailer Park.

(c) In the case of animals having litters, newborn animals may be kept in government housing until they are weaned, or 90 days, at which time current restrictions apply.

NOTE: This installation does not allow the breeding of animals for commercial purposes (profit making). A commercial breeder is an owner who allows an animal to have more than one litter and/or sells the offspring.

(2) Each sponsor, upon occupying government quarters, will be provided a copy of reference (a). Animals will be kept per reference (b) with regard to feeding, watering, sheltering, and sanitation. Pets kept outdoors must be provided adequate shelter. Violations of said regulations can be considered grounds for disciplinary actions.

(3) A responsible caretaker must be appointed when a pet owner anticipates leave from place of residence for a period greater than 24 hours. A written document stating the responsible person's name, address, and home phone number must be presented to the Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 626A.

c. Prohibited Animals. Livestock (domestic farm animals such as pigs, cows, goats, chickens, etc.) will not be maintained on NAS Pensacola and off-base military housing as privately owned animal. Sylvatic non-urban pets (skunks, raccoons, ferrets, opossums, squirrels, etc.) and exotic animals such as monkeys and other wild animals normally restricted to zoo-type environments

will not be permitted on this installation. Any wild canid (wolf, wolf hybrids, coyote, etc.) or any domestic canid crossbreed with a wild canid will not be permitted on this installation. Poisonous snakes, constrictor type snakes, and poisonous spiders will not be permitted on this installation. Any person residing in government housing and/or the mobile trailer park facilities (excluding BEQ/BOQ), who desire to have any pet other than a dog, cat, or popular variety of bird or tropical fish, must contact the Station Veterinarian, Building 626A, 452-8201/8210, who will recommend approval or disapproval to the Commanding Officer.

d. Animal Bites

(1) Any animal bitten or scratched by a wild, carnivorous mammal (or a bat) not available for testing should be regarded as having been exposed to rabies.

(2) Unvaccinated dogs and cats exposed to a rabid animal should be euthanized immediately. If the owner is unwilling to have this done, the animal should be placed in strict isolation for 6 months and vaccinated 1 month before being released. Dogs and cats that are currently vaccinated should be revaccinated immediately, kept under the owner's control, and observed for 45 days.

(3) Military personnel and military dependents who are bitten or scratched by any animal should report immediately to the Naval Hospital (NAVHOSP) Pensacola Emergency Room for treatment. During normal working hours, civilian personnel should report to the Branch Medical Clinic, Building 3600. Persons who do not have government medical privileges may receive initial first aid treatment on base but will be urged to visit an appropriate civilian medical facility immediately thereafter.

(4) Parents shall caution their children to avoid strange dogs, cats, wild animals, and bats, despite their curiosity and/or familiarity with family pets. Feeding squirrels has resulted in innumerable biting incidents on station and in the local area, and should not be attempted. Although squirrels seldom contract rabies, they inflict painfully deep bites which frequently become infected.

(5) Owners of animals deemed vicious or having a history of biting may be referred to Housing Director for eviction from government quarters. One incident of an unprovoked animal bite will require removal of the animal from the housing area. There will be no "Warning" letter.

e. Stray or Nuisance Animal Control

(1) A "nuisance" is defined as any action of a pet which endangers life or health, gives offense to the sense, violates laws of decency, or obstructs reasonable or comfortable use of property. For example, an animal may be deemed a nuisance if it: (a) habitually or repeatedly barks, whines,

howls, or causes other objectionable noise in such a manner or to such an extent that it disturbs others; (b) if it interferes or obstructs persons engaging in exercise or physical activity; (c) if it chases or runs after persons or vehicles; or (d) if it defecates on the lawn of any premises occupied by another or if it defecates on sidewalks, playgrounds, etc. Owners are required to maintain sanitary conditions not only at their residence, but also while walking their pets. The prompt daily removal of animal excrement, both at the residence and on other property, is mandatory.

(2) During working hours, stray or nuisance animals should be reported to PWC Pest Control, telephone 452-4581. After normal working hours, weekends, and holidays, contact the NAS Pensacola Security Police, telephone 452-3453/2453.

(3) Upon notification, Security will respond to the complaint and determine proper action based on existing circumstances. The actual capture of any animal deemed dangerous or possibly rabid should be accomplished by the Public Works Center Pest Control. The CDO must authorize overtime requirements.

(4) Upon capture, a reasonable attempt will be made to contact the owner(s) of animals bearing valid NAS Pensacola and Escambia County registration. Identified owner(s) will be warned of the consequences of the violation. Owners of animals will be held liable for all charges associated with service calls for the capture and/or return of stray or nuisance animals.

(5) Animals bearing expired identification tags will be transferred to Escambia County Animal Shelter.

(6) Animals which have no identification tags will be transferred immediately to the Escambia County Animal Shelter.

f. Shelter from the Elements. Outdoor facilities for dogs or cats must include one or more shelter structures that are accessible to each animal in each outdoor facility, and that are large enough to allow each animal in the shelter structure to sit, stand, and lie in a normal manner, and to turn about freely. In addition to the shelter structures, one or more separate outside areas of shade must be provided, large enough to contain all the animals at one time, and protect them from the direct rays of the sun. Shelters in outdoor facilities for dogs or cats must contain a roof, four sides, and a floor, and must:

(1) Provide the dogs and cats with adequate protection and shelter from the cold and heat;

(2) Provide the dogs and cats with protection from the direct rays of the sun and the direct effect of wind, rain, or snow;

(3) Be provided with a wind break and rain break at the entrance; and

(4) Contain clean, dry, bedding material if the ambient temperature is below 50°F. Regardless of whether or not there is protection from the weather, animals will not be maintained outside when the temperature is above 90°F or below 35°F. Animals will not be chained outside without a fence unless continuously supervised.

NOTE: This requirement prohibits the practice of chaining animals to outside structures (housing unit, trees, etc.) and/or leaving them unattended. This policy will be enforced to reduce the possibility of damage to property and personnel. Also, electrical and invisible fences are strictly prohibited as the only means of restraint.

## 5. Responsibilities

a. Individual. In the event any person is bitten by an animal on board the station or in government housing areas, the incident shall be reported immediately by witnesses, the owner, or by the victim (if the victim is a dependent, the sponsor shall make the report). If possible, the victim should obtain information regarding the ownership of the animal and its rabies

vaccination status. The report may be made when the victim is treated at the NAVHOSP Emergency Room or by telephone to the station Veterinary Treatment Facility, 452-8201/8210, during duty hours. For animal bites occurring off base, contact the Escambia County Health Department, 435-6500, to request apprehension and disposition of such animals.

b. Owner. Owners are required to ensure their pets are not allowed to roam at large or otherwise become a nuisance, and shall comply with the policies established in this directive. "At large" means when an animal is off the premises of the owner and not under the actual physical control, custody, charge, or possession of the owner or other responsible person by leash, cord, chain, or other means. Animals must be kept under direct physical control at all times (see 4f(4)). "Owner" is defined as the sponsor, dependent spouse, or any other responsible member of a household.

(1) Residents of Corry Housing, Lexington Terrace, and Mariner Village who own pets are not exempted from Escambia County pet regulations.

(a) Registration requirements herein do not relieve residents of their obligation to register their pets pursuant to Section 7 of Escambia County Ordinance 85-54, and pay the fees therefore as required by Section 5 thereof.

(b) Vaccination, as required hereunder, does not relieve a pet owner from compliance with the vaccination requirements of Section 6, Escambia County Ordinance 85-54, which requires all animals 3 months of age or older be vaccinated with a U.S. approved rabies vaccine.

(2) Pets (cats/dogs) shall be restrained in quarters areas in suitable pens/fences as prescribed by the Commanding Officer, PWC Pensacola, or kept inside the quarters (see 4f(4)). Voice control is not deemed adequate as a substitute for a leash or tether.

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(3) When not confined to the quarters (i.e., exercising under control of the owner), pets shall be leashed or otherwise controlled with approved fencing.

(4) Pets shall not be walked, exercised, or otherwise allowed on the property for which another housing occupant is responsible. Areas available for such activities include secondary streets, parks, and wooded areas. Additionally, pets, with the exception of Handicap Assistance Dogs and Military Working Dogs, are not allowed in the vicinity of ceremonies, athletic events, places of public assembly, and public buildings, including the following places:

Membership Clubs	Recreation centers
Center Headquarters	Dining facilities
Base Exchanges	Barracks
Guest houses/TAD Quarters	Theaters
Swimming areas (pools/lakes/beaches)	Gyms
Tennis courts	Fitness trails
Golf courses	Medical centers
Athletic fields	Dental centers
Commissary	

(5) Pets confined in authorized pens shall be restrained from making excessive noise (barking, etc.), which may annoy other housing occupants.

(6) Female pets "in season" shall be confined in the owner's quarters (except for controlled exercise, etc.) or removed from the station. Such pets shall not be penned or tethered in outside areas.

(7) Identification tags must be worn by the pet at all times while on board the station. Pets apprehended without tags will be treated as strays and removed.

(8) Pets will be immunized in accordance with enclosure (1) and provided adequate shelter/nutrition.

(9) Pets will get tested and treated for parasites and/or other diseases that constitute a public health threat or threat to other animals. Dogs will be tested annually for heartworms and cats will be tested for feline leukemia if not previously tested/vaccinated. Owners will give heartworm preventative to dogs throughout the year (once a month or the daily preventative).

(10) Pets will not be left unattended in privately owned vehicles.

c. Emergency Room, Naval Hospital or Branch Medical Clinic

(1) Initiate a Report of Animal Bite, DD Form 2341, per BUMEDINST 6220.6. Part I - Animal Bites History, and Part II - Management of Animal Bite Case will be filled out entirely.

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(2) In cases of moderate to high rabies risk estimate, the treating physician will notify the Station Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician as soon as possible--beeper #'s 506-4092/505-4323.

d. Station Veterinarian. In the event of an animal bite, the Station Veterinarian will:

(1) Complete Part III - Management of Biting Animal, of the DD Form 2341 received from Naval Hospital.

(2) Ensure any pet governed by this instruction is quarantined for a period of not less than 10 days to determine if it has contracted rabies. The quarantine will normally take place at the office of a licensed veterinarian or the Escambia County Animal Shelter. In cases where the Station Veterinarian agrees to less stringent controls, the pet may be quarantined in the home of the owner.

(3) Make all reasonable efforts to ensure incidents which occur off station are reported to proper authority for investigation.

(4) Require the owner to furnish proof the animal has completed quarantine or has been destroyed after the 10-day quarantine. In the event the animal was not destroyed, verification must be provided, regardless of the animal's return/nonreturn to the station.

e. Security Officer

(1) Direct NAS Security Police to make every reasonable effort to assist PWC Pest Control in apprehending stray animals and those reported as nuisances within the confines of NAS Pensacola.

(2) Assist PWC Pest Control in initiating a search and apprehend any animal known to have inflicted a bite on any person within the confines of the station and associated housing areas. Notify Station Veterinarian upon apprehension.

(3) Maintain liaison with the Station Veterinarian to ensure proper care of animal bite victims.

(4) Maintain liaison with the Station Veterinarian on all aspects of the rabies prevention program, and provide assistance as needed to capture and quarantine suspected animals.

(5) Assist PWC Pest Control in immediately apprehending all animals of high risk; e.g., wild raccoons.

#### 6. Action

a. Department Heads, Special Assistants, Commanding Officers, and Officers-in-Charge of tenant commands in the Navy Pensacola Complex shall comply with the provisions of this instruction.

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b. The Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Pensacola, is requested to:

(1) Perform such definitive and prophylactic treatment as needed.

(2) Complete necessary epidemiological studies and file reports, which include the proper entry in the Medical Officer of the Day Log and the Animal Incident Report when required.

(3) Maintain liaison with the NAS Pensacola Station Veterinarian to ensure proper care of animal bite victims.

c. Family Housing is requested to ensure this instruction is brought to the attention of every occupant of government quarters.

d. The Security Department and Housing shall, during routine patrols, verify compliance with this instruction and notify owners of pets who are in violation.

e. Owners who are in violation of any section of this instruction will be subject to:

(1) FIRST OFFENSE: Verbal warning from Security/Housing.

(2) SECOND OFFENSE: Written notification from Housing, via Commanding Officer, NAS Pensacola.

(3) THIRD OFFENSE: Revocation of pet privileges.

f. Residents in housing areas who observe or are aware of violations mentioned in this instruction should notify Housing or Security for investigation and appropriate action.

7. Forms. Pet Registration Record, NASP 10570/1, is controlled by the Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 626A. Report of Animal Bite, DD Form 2341, is maintained by the Naval Hospital.

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REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS OF ANIMALS

TABLE 1

If the animal Is a:	Immunization for:	Will be given at age:	Second Immunization at age of:	Re-immunized:
1. Dog	Rabies Canine Distemper Hepatitis Parainfluenza Leptospirosis Parvovirus Corona Virus	3 months 6-8 weeks	1 year 3-4 weeks apart until 16 weeks old	Annually Annually
2. Cat	Rabies Feline Distemper Rhino tracheitis Calicivirus	3 months 6-8 weeks	1 year 3-4 weeks apart until 16 weeks apart	Annually Annually

RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS

TABLE 2

If the animal Is a:	Immunization for:	Given at:	Second Immunization at:	Re-immunized:
1. Dog	Parainfluenza Bordatella Bronchiseptica	7-10 days before kenneling	none	Semiannually
2. Cat	Feline Leukemia	12 weeks	16 weeks	Annually



Enclosure (1)